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Small Grain Production Forecast

North Dakota

Spring wheat production for 2010 is forecast at 282 million bushels, down 3 percent from the 290 million bushels produced last year, according to the USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service, North Dakota Field Office. The forecasted yield is 43.0 bushels per harvested acre, down 3.0 bushels per acre from the record high set in 2009. Area to be harvested for grain is expected to total 6.55 million acres, up 4 percent from 2009. The crop production forecasts in this report are based on yield projections and acreage reports collected from a cross-section of North Dakota producers around July 1. This report is based on conditions around July 1 and assumes no extreme conditions the remainder of the crop season.

Durum wheat production is forecast at 61.3 million bushels, 20,000 bushels more than last year. The forecasted yield is 35.0 bushels per acre, 4.0 bushels per acre below the record high set in 2009. Area to be harvested for grain is expected to total 1.75 million acres, up 11 percent from last year and 4 percent above 2008.

Winter wheat production is forecast at 17.3 million bushels, down 34 percent from last year's record high and 23 percent below 2008. The forecasted yield is at a record high 54.0 bushels per acre, 6.0 bushels per acre more than in 2009 and 5.0 bushels above the previous record high set in 2007. Area to be harvested for grain is expected to total 320,000 acres, down 41 percent from last year and 42 percent below 2008.

Barley production is forecast at 49.8 million bushels, down 37 percent from last year and 42 percent from 2008. The average yield is forecast at 63.0 bushels per acre, down 7.0 bushels per acre from last year's record high. Area to be harvested for grain is estimated at 790,000 acres, down 30 percent from last year and the lowest since 2006 when 995,000 acres were harvested.

Oat production is forecast at 9.1 million bushels, down 19 percent from 2009 but up 37 percent from 2008's production of 6.63 million bushels. The average yield is forecast at 70.0 bushels per acre, up 2.0 bushels per acre from last year and equal to the record high set in 1993. Growers expect to harvest 130,000 acres, down 21 percent from last year but equal to 2008.

United States

Spring wheat production is forecast at 607 million bushels, up 4 percent from last year. If realized, this will be the third largest production on record. The expected area to be harvested for grain totals 13.6 million acres, unchanged from the *Acreage* report released on June 30, 2010 but up 5 percent from last year. The United States yield is forecast at 44.6 bushels per acre, 0.5 bushel below 2009. If realized, this will be the second highest yield on record, trailing only last year.

Durum wheat production is forecast at 104 million bushels, down 5 percent from 2009. The United States yield is forecast at 40.0 bushels per acre, 4.9 bushels below last year. If realized, this will be the second highest yield on record, trailing only last year. Expected area to be harvested for grain totals 2.59 million acres, unchanged from the *Acreage* report released on June 30, 2010 but up 7 percent from last year.

Winter wheat production is forecast at 1.51 billion bushels, up 2 percent from last month but down 1 percent from 2009. The United States yield is forecast at 46.9 bushels per acre, up 0.3 bushel from last month and up 2.7 bushels from last year. If realized, this will be tied for the third highest yield on record, trailing only 1999 and 2008. The area expected to be harvested for grain totals 32.1 million acres, unchanged from the *Acreage* report released on June 30, 2010 but down 7 percent from last year.

Barley production for 2010 is forecast at 182 million bushels, down 20 percent from 2009. Based on conditions as of July 1, the average yield for the United States is forecast at 71.6 bushels per acre, down 1.4 bushels from a year ago. While the forecasted yield per acre is down 2 percent from a year ago, the expected decline in production is more a reflection of the lowest planted acreage on record and the lowest expected harvested acreage since 1883. Area harvested for grain or seed, at 2.55 million acres, is unchanged from the previous forecast but down 18 percent from 2009. Record high yields are expected in Arizona and Colorado, while a record tying yield is forecast for Idaho.

Oat production is forecast at 87.7 million bushels, down 6 percent from 2009. If realized, this will be the lowest production on record. Based on conditions as of July 1, the yield is forecast at 66.7 bushels per acre, down 0.8 bushel from 2009's record high yield. Growers expect to harvest 1.32 million acres for grain or seed, down 5 percent from last year. If realized, this will be the smallest harvested area on record.

Crop Summary: Area Planted, Harvested, Yield and Production
North Dakota and United States, 2009-2010

Crop	Planted		Harvested		Unit	Yield Per Harvested Acre			Production	
	2009	2010	2009	Forecasted 2010		Average 2005-09 ¹	2009	Forecasted 2010	2009	Forecasted 2010
	<i>1,000 Acres</i>	<i>1,000 Acres</i>	<i>1,000 Acres</i>	<i>1,000 Acres</i>					<i>1,000</i>	<i>1,000</i>
North Dakota										
Barley	1,210	850	1,130	790	<i>Bu</i>	57.0	70.0	63.0	79,100	49,770
Oats	350	270	165	130	<i>Bu</i>	55.6	68.0	70.0	11,220	9,100
Wheat, All	8,680	8,840	8,415	8,620	<i>Bu</i>	36.2	44.8	41.8	377,190	360,180
Winter	580	340	545	320	<i>Bu</i>	43.8	48.0	54.0	26,160	17,280
Durum	1,650	1,800	1,570	1,750	<i>Bu</i>	30.7	39.0	35.0	61,230	61,250
Spring	6,450	6,700	6,300	6,550	<i>Bu</i>	37.1	46.0	43.0	289,800	281,650
United States										
Barley	3,567	2,972	3,113	2,546	<i>Bu</i>		73.0	71.6	227,323	182,192
Oats	3,404	3,176	1,379	1,315	<i>Bu</i>		67.5	66.7	93,081	87,726
Wheat, All	59,133	54,305	49,868	48,263	<i>Bu</i>		44.4	45.9	2,216,171	2,215,761
Winter	43,311	37,723	34,485	32,085	<i>Bu</i>		44.2	46.9	1,522,718	1,505,493
Durum	2,554	2,675	2,428	2,588	<i>Bu</i>		44.9	40.0	109,042	103,513
Spring	13,268	13,907	12,955	13,590	<i>Bu</i>		45.1	44.6	584,411	606,755

¹ U.S. average yield not computed.